

REMARKS

Claims 47 and 49-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsukidate et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,507,950 (Tsukidate) in view of Williams et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,977,964 (Williams). In light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of all pending claims.

Applicant has amended the independent claims to recite features that are not taught or fairly suggested in the sections of Tsukidate and Williams cited in the last office action. For example, Independent Claim 47 now recites that the set-top receiver receives specific data from a user. To illustrate, Independent Claim 47 now recites "a set-top receiver receiving first data from a user, wherein the first data identifies a television channel that is most frequently viewed by the user, wherein the television channel is one of a plurality of television channels." The office action equates "keys 26" of Tsukidate with Claim 49's first data. Tsukidate describes keys 26 in column 8, line 57 thru column 9, line 15. In particular, Tsukidate equates keys 26 with categories of programs, and that the keys are used to retrieve and pick up programs belonging to that category for inclusion in a summarized table for the collection key. *See Figure 3* of Tsukidate. Presuming for the purposes of this response only that a user can input one of Tsukidate's key to the broadcasting receiving unit 31 of Tsukidate, the claimed first data, as amended, is clearly distinguishable over Tsukidate's key 26. As such, Applicant asserts that Independent Claim 47 is patentably distinguishable over the cited sections of Tsukidate and Williams. Independent Claim 49 has been amended to include limitations similar to the limitations added to Independent Claim 47 and discussed above. For the same and similar reasons, that Independent claim 47 is patentably distinguishable over the cited sections of

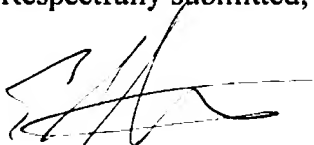
Tsukidate and Williams, Applicant asserts that Independent Claim 49 is likewise patentably distinguishable. Claims 50 and 51 depend from Independent Claim 49 and are patentably distinguishable for this reason.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,

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